

Amendments to the claims (this listing replaces all prior versions):

1-22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) A method comprising:

maintaining a list of short-range wireless devices that are known to be within range of a first short-range wireless device;

transmitting a message, using a communication medium, from an identified user of the first device to a second wireless device being used by a second identified user, the communication medium being selected based at least in part on whether the second device is included on the list, and on the fact that the second device is being used by the second identified user, the selection being transparent to the user of the first device.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 23 in which, if the second device is included on the list, the message is transmitted to the second device using a short-range radio link, and if the second device is not included on the list, the message is transmitted to the second device using another communication medium.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 23 in which, if the second device is not included on the list, the message is transmitted to the second device over either the Internet or by mobile telephony.

26-72. (canceled)

73. (currently amended) A method comprising:

maintaining a list of short-range wireless devices that are known to be within range of a first short-range wireless device and in use by identified users associated with the devices;

if ~~the~~ a second device is included on the list, transmitting a message from an identified user of the first device, using a short-range radio link, to a second wireless device being used by a second identified user, and

if the second device is not included on the list, transmitting a message from an identified user of the first device, using either the Internet or mobile telephony, to the second device.

74-76. (cancelled)